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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : John E. Gunderman et al.  
Serial No : 09/930,917  
Filed : August 16, 2001  
Title : IN-GROUND CONTAINER  
STABILIZER FOR NURSERY  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 6, 2002. This paper is submitted within the three month statutory period set for response.